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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an opioid-related drug overdose response protocol and training on the administration of an opioid antagonist for public school personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.0301 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.0301.  OPIOID-RELATED DRUG OVERDOSE RESPONSE PROTOCOL. (a) In this section, "opioid antagonist" and "opioid-related drug overdose" have the meanings assigned by Section 483.101, Health and Safety Code.

(b)  Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall develop and annually make available a protocol for school employees to follow in the event a person at a campus of the district or school experiences what is reasonably believed to be an opioid-related drug overdose.

(c)  The protocol adopted under this section must:

(1)  provide for information about the availability of opioid antagonists at each district or school campus; and

(2)  require that agency-approved training in the use of opioid antagonists is provided to any school employee who may be reasonably expected to administer an opioid antagonist to a person who is reasonably believed to be experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose at a district or school campus.

(d)  The training required under Subsection (c)(2) may be provided as an online course.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.